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Re: INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION PCT/DE00/00798 filed March 15, 2000

Priority Claimed: German Application 199 14 814.7 filed March 31, 1999

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Title: RECOMBINATION DEVICE AND METHOD FOR CATALYTICALLY RECOMBINING
HYDROGEN AND/OR CARBON MONOXIDE WITH OXYGEN IN A GASEOUS MIXTURE

Submitted herewith, as the **first submission**, are the following for the purposes of entering the national stage for the USA under 35 U.S.C. 371(c), **immediate national examination under 35 U.S.C. 371(f) being requested.**

- International Application.
- Translation of International Application.
- International Preliminary Examination Report with changed pages.
- Translation of changed pages.

NOTE: A line is drawn through pages 10, 11 and 12 of the specification and pages 25 and 26 of the claims in the enclosed translation of the International Application. These pages are to be replaced by the enclosed amended pages 10, 11 and 12 of the specification and pages 25 and 26 of the claims filed in the International Application in response to the International Preliminary Examination Report.

For U.S. examination purposes, please use the amended pages.

- Formal drawings (3 sheets, Figs. 1-5).
- Inventor Declaration.
- Preliminary Amendment to eliminate multiple dependency of claims.
- International Search Report issued by the European Patent Office.
- Assignment with cover sheet.

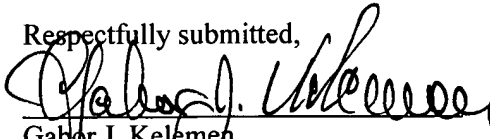
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TITLE OF INVENTION - see attached pages -		
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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
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